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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/040,173	Applicant(s) VAIDYANATHAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Kevin Y. Kim	Art Unit 2611	

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE _____ MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 15-28 and 36-42 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8, 9, 12, 14, 29, 30, 33, 35 and 43-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 11, 13, 31, 32 and 34 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 1-30-2006 with respect to claims 43-49 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that claims 43-49 are "a signal claim." However, a signal claim refers to a computer readable storage media including instructions performing predefined functions. The claims are drawn to a data structure which does fall into any of categories of patentable subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 8,9,12,14,29,30,33,35,43,44,46,48,49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rabinowitz (US 2002/0144294).

Claims 8,9,12,14,29,30,33,35.

Rabinowitz discloses a wireless communication transmitter and method, comprising;
producing a data signal and

producing a pilot signals, i.e. “a time-varying signal” that changes frequency during each of a plurality of periods in a predetermined sequence within a channel, and producing a transmission signal from the sum of the data signal and the time-varying signal.

See paragraph [0092] describing the pilot signal frequency changes in a predetermined sequence by frequency hopping, and note that in an OFDM, such as used in Rabinowitz, pilot tones are transmitted simultaneously with data tones.

Claims 43,44,46,48,49.

Rabinowitz discloses a wireless communication, wherein a transmission signal comprises;

a data signal and

a pilot signals, i.e. “at least one supplemental signal” on a frequency that changes during each of a plurality of periods in a predetermined sequence, and

See paragraph [0092] describing the pilot signal frequency changes in a predetermined sequence by frequency hopping, and note that in an OFDM, such as used in Rabinowitz, pilot tones are transmitted simultaneously with data tones.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-7,15-28,36-42 are allowed.

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5. Claims 10,11,13,31,32 and 34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Y. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3039. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM --5PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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April 13, 2006



KEVIN KIM
PATENT EXAMINER